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Analysis of Table 1.1

In the December quarter 1995, Western Australia's population grew by 6,900 persons to 1,747,000. This is equivalent to an annual rate of population growth of 1.59%.

In the twelve months to 31 December 1995, the population grew from 1,714,400 to 1,747,000, an increase of 32,600 or 1.90%.

At 31 December 1995, there were 877,100 males and 869,900 females resident in Western Australia, a difference of 7,200 more males. Twelve months prior, there was a difference of 7,800 more males. The trend indicates a narrowing in the gap between the sexes.

1.1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period		Persons ¹	Mean Population
	Males	Females		
			'000	
Financial years				
1992-93	842.4	833.9	1 676.3	1 667.4
1993-94	854.6	846.4	1 701.1	1 688.5
1994-95p	869.7	862.0	1 731.7	1 716.2
Calendar years				
1993	847.9	839.5	1 687.4	1 677.1
1994 p	861.1	853.3	1 714.4	1 702.4
1995p	877.1	869.9	1 747.0	1 731.8
Quarters				
Sep 94 p	858.5	850.5	1 709.0	..
Dec 94 p	861.1	853.3	1 714.4	..
Mar 95 p	866.1	858.2	1 724.2	..
Jun 95 p	869.7	862.0	1 731.7	..
Sep 95 p	873.9	866.2	1 740.1	..
Dec 95 p	877.1	869.9	1 747.0	..

¹ All estimates have been finalised using 1991 Census results

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 1.2

In the December quarter 1995 the total increase in population was 6,900. This was 1,400 or 17% less than the increase in the previous quarter and 1,600 or 30% more than the December quarter 1994. Between September and December 1995 quarters, both net estimated overseas and interstate migration fell substantially.

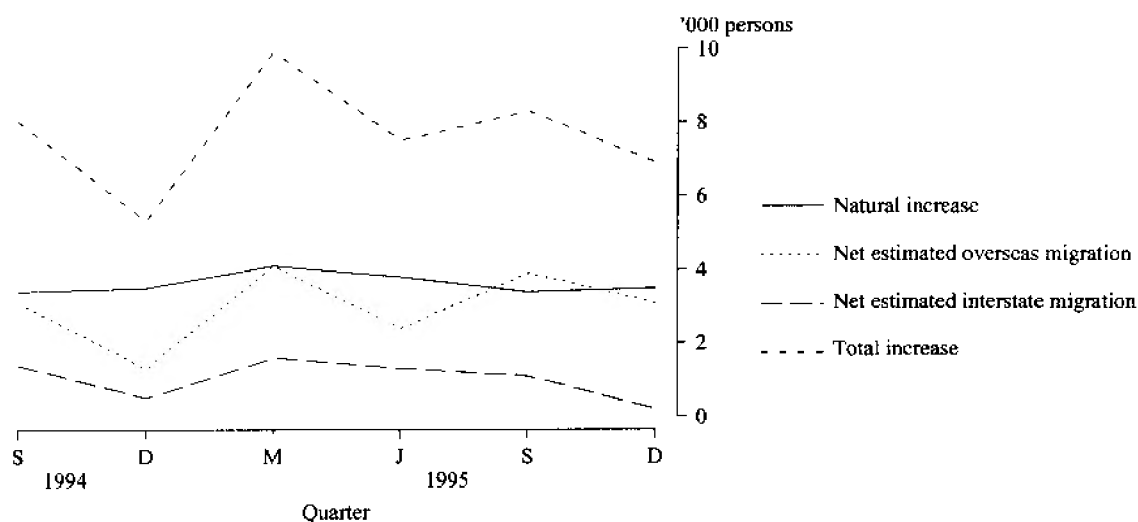
The increase in population for the calendar year 1995 exceeded the increase of 1994 by 5,700 or 21%. The most significant increase was in the category of net estimated overseas migration which increased by 5,400 or 67%.

1.2 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

Period	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration ¹	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
(000)				
Financial years				
1992-93	14.7	4.6	-0.3	19.0
1993-94	14.3	6.7	3.7	24.7
1994-95 p	14.8	11.0	4.9	30.7
Calendar years				
1993	14.4	5.5	0.6	20.5
1994 p	14.4	8.1	4.5	26.9
1995 p	14.8	13.5	4.3	32.6
Quarters				
Sep 94 p	3.4	3.1	1.4	8.0
Dec 94 p	3.5	1.3	0.5	5.3
Mar 95 p	4.1	4.1	1.6	9.9
Jun 95 p	3.8	2.4	1.3	7.5
Sep 95 p	3.4	3.9	1.1	8.3
Dec 95 p	3.5	3.1	0.2	6.9

¹ Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Analysis of Table 1.3

The number of marriages in the December quarter 1995 was more than double the number in the previous quarter. This repeated the trend of the previous year.

The number of live births dropped by 265 from September quarter and the number of deaths fell by 386. The numbers of live births and deaths were similar to those for the same quarter of the previous year.

The number of divorces increased slightly in the December quarter 1995 (up 137).

1.3 REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Live births	Infant deaths	Total deaths	Marriages	Divorces
Financial years					
1992-93	25 080	147	9 998	10 214	4 385
1993-94	25 309	148	10 522	10 316	4 934
1994-95 p	25 018	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
Calendar years					
1993	25 079	143	10 318	10 382	4 654
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995 p	25 118	129	10 362	10 404	5 040
Quarters					
Sep 94	6 257	38	2 812	1 462	1 333
Dec 94	6 000	29	2 537	3 305	1 358
Mar 95 p	6 412	37	2 314	3 247	1 081
Jun 95 p	6 349	33	2 598	2 367	1 158
Sep 95 p	6 311	29	2 918	1 524	1 332
Dec 95 p	6 046	30	2 532	3 266	1 469

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 1.4

The marriage rate for the December quarter 1995 was more than double the rate for the previous quarter, repeating the trend of 1994.

The birth and death rates dropped slightly in the December quarter 1995, as they did in 1994.

The divorce rate for the December quarter 1995 rose slightly from the preceding quarter, and was slightly higher than the rate for the December quarter 1994.

For more information regarding tables on Vital statistics and Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Mike Joske on (09) 360 5276.

1.4 RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Live births ¹	Infant deaths ²	Total deaths ¹	Marriages ¹	Divorces ¹
Financial years					
1992-93	15.04	5.86	5.99	6.13	2.63
1993-94	14.99	5.85	6.23	6.11	2.92
1994-95 p	14.58	5.48	5.98	6.05	2.87
Calendar years					
1993	14.95	5.70	6.15	6.19	2.78
1994	14.76	5.45	6.05	6.09	2.95
1995 p	14.50	5.14	5.98	6.01	2.91
Quarters					
Sep 94	14.68	6.07	6.60	3.43	3.13
Dec 94	14.02	4.83	5.93	7.72	3.17
Mar 95 p	14.92	5.77	5.38	7.55	2.51
Jun 95 p	14.70	5.20	6.01	5.48	2.68
Sep 95 p	14.54	4.60	6.72	3.51	3.07
Dec 95 p	13.87	4.96	5.81	7.49	3.37

¹ For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population. For quarters, the mean is averaged between the previous and current quarterly population.

² Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 2.1

Total arrivals in June 1996 were up by 23% from the previous month and up by 17% from June 1995.

Arrivals of short-term visitors and Australian residents increased from June 1995 by 8% and 29% respectively. Long-term overseas visitors were up by 35% compared to June 1995 whilst long-term resident arrivals dropped by only 2%.

Short-term visitor arrivals recorded a rise of 4,170 persons or 18% from May 1996.

Total departures in June 1996 increased by 14% from the previous month and were 16% higher than in June 1995.

Short-term departures of residents going overseas increased by 3,690 persons or 14% from May 1996 and 5,090 persons or 21% on June 1995.

The total of 200 permanent departures in June 1996 is the lowest recorded in 15 months.

2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY MONTH

Period	Permanent Arrivals	SHORT - TERM ARRIVALS		LONG - TERM ARRIVALS		
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Total Arrivals
ARRIVALS						
Financial years						
1993-94	7 740	269 890	297 750	8 900	7 430	591 700
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
Months						
Apr 95	940	20 790	27 780	630	550	50 680
May 95	870	18 200	21 640	520	380	41 620
Jun 95	970	19 740	24 790	640	370	46 510
Jul 95	970	29 140	24 480	680	1 720	56 980
Aug 95	950	26 650	24 840	620	450	53 520
Sep 95	890	27 730	24 620	680	470	54 400
Oct 95	1 070	35 360	30 330	700	570	68 020
Nov 95	1 020	22 700	33 660	820	370	58 560
Dec 95	1 040	18 450	46 800	1 260	510	68 070
Jan 96	1 150	37 460	24 250	840	1 460	65 170
Feb 96	940	20 650	39 640	630	2 530	64 380
Mar 96	900	20 660	31 010	670	560	53 810
Apr 96	850	23 670	32 270	580	660	58 020
May 96	680	20 100	22 550	500	380	44 210
Jun 96	860	25 530	26 720	630	500	54 250

Period	SHORT- TERM DEPARTURES			LONG-TERM DEPARTURES		Total Departures
	Permanent Departures	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	
DEPARTURES						
Financial years						
1993-94	3 430	274 770	290 540	7 340	4 140	580 220
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
Months						
Apr 95	270	25 070	28 050	680	310	54 390
May 95	270	21 260	26 360	620	220	48 730
Jun 95	250	24 320	27 820	540	490	53 420
Jul 95	320	30 370	22 890	590	500	54 670
Aug 95	340	23 320	25 650	650	300	50 260
Sep 95	250	29 110	23 430	520	320	53 640
Oct 95	290	25 990	26 720	460	290	53 750
Nov 95	320	22 200	30 630	500	580	54 230
Dec 95	370	33 040	38 900	650	1 110	74 070
Jan 96	410	19 640	37 530	1 010	380	58 970
Feb 96	320	17 840	35 700	730	440	55 030
Mar 96	350	25 730	32 970	750	400	60 200
Apr 96	330	23 540	33 160	670	330	58 030
May 96	370	25 720	27 520	630	270	54 500
Jun 96	200	29 410	31 240	530	560	61 940

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

Analysis of Table 2.2

The total of 26,720 short-term overseas arrivals in June 1996 was an increase of 1,930 persons or 8% over June 1995. The rise in June 1996 from May 1996 was similar to a rise from May 1995 to June 1995.

The largest rise occurred in the number of arrivals from Indonesia which grew by 2,340 persons or 90% from May 1996 and by 850 persons or 21% from June 1995.

All other listed countries recorded rises in arrivals from May 1996 except Japan which fell by 30 persons or 2%.

Arrivals from Singapore increased by 1,700 persons or 32% from May 1996 but fell by 730 persons or 9% compared to June 1995.

2.2 SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES¹

	Country of origin					
Period	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Japan	Indonesia	Singapore	Total ²
Financial years						
1993-94	25 150	57 480	27 530	27 840	50 700	297 750
1994-95	24 330	61 070	28 980	44 240	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	30 120	49 260	64 690	361 180
Months						
Apr 95	1 820	6 080	2 110	3 230	3 820	27 780
May 95	1 520	2 820	1 710	2 600	4 860	21 640
Jun 95	1 870	2 200	1 380	4 100	7 700	24 790
Jul 95	2 030	3 010	2 520	4 680	2 900	24 480
Aug 95	2 160	2 660	3 950	2 820	3 780	24 840
Sep 95	2 750	3 750	2 880	2 360	4 670	24 620
Oct 95	2 100	5 780	2 050	2 990	4 010	30 330
Nov 95	1 510	6 680	1 920	3 450	6 660	33 660
Dec 95	2 360	8 370	2 970	7 650	11 040	46 800
Jan 96	1 700	5 760	2 670	2 920	2 400	24 250
Feb 96	1 760	6 440	3 190	8 150	6 460	39 640
Mar 96	2 280	6 010	2 900	3 320	4 760	31 010
Apr 96	2 260	5 990	2 460	3 360	5 760	32 270
May 96	1 630	2 160	1 320	2 610	5 270	22 550
Jun 96	1 660	2 610	1 290	4 950	6 970	26 720

¹ Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

² Total includes the countries listed here and all other countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTRO013

Analysis of Table 2.3

2.3 SHORT TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES: PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

There were 16,240 short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holiday in June 1996; a rise of 2,660 persons or 20% from May 1996. This was an increase of 570 persons or 4% on June 1995.

The greatest increase of overseas visitors came from Indonesia which rose by 1,890 persons or 96% from the preceding month and by 650 persons or 20% over June 1995.

Singapore arrivals increased by 1,490 persons or 36% from the previous month but the total of 5,640 persons for June 1996 represented a fall of 630 persons or 10% from June 1995.

The total of 500 holidaymakers from the United Kingdom and Ireland in June 1996 was the lowest recorded in 15 months.

Period	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total ¹
Financial years									
1993-94	9 160	22 260	20 850	24 460	19 180	39 370	7 950	2 910	180 850
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
Months									
Apr 95	620	1 490	2 100	1 840	1 360	2 820	1 350	180	14 340
May 95	340	850	1 950	1 440	2 450	4 080	480	130	12 920
Jun 95	680	640	3 200	1 160	1 530	6 270	380	130	15 670
Jul 95	720	1 130	3 000	2 120	590	1 370	450	210	12 260
Aug 95	740	750	1 710	2 820	2 000	2 530	480	40	13 220
Sep 95	1 060	1 300	1 470	2 360	1 080	3 440	390	200	13 480
Oct 95	560	1 940	1 810	1 730	1 690	2 650	1 210	310	15 640
Nov 95	280	2 650	2 460	1 360	2 160	5 070	570	340	18 340
Dec 95	450	2 220	6 640	2 640	1 010	9 240	880	410	28 500
Jan 96	320	2 120	1 740	2 240	510	1 270	430	280	11 620
Feb 96	640	1 990	6 400	2 390	2 840	4 320	460	140	23 030
Mar 96	670	1 930	2 520	2 650	1 490	3 520	870	590	17 510
Apr 96	540	1 660	2 050	1 750	2 410	4 330	1 620	170	17 140
May 96	230	810	1 960	1 000	2 760	4 150	790	320	13 580
Jun 96	580	500	3 850	780	2 240	5 640	610	250	16 240

¹ Total includes the countries listed here and all other countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 and PMTR0031.

Analysis of Table 2.4

The total of 29,410 short-term departures of residents for June 1996 was 14% higher than May 1996, and 21% higher than June 1995.

There was a large rise of 3,190 persons or 72% departing to Indonesia in June 1996 from the previous month. The total of 7,610 persons departing to that destination in June 1996 was an increase of 2,750 persons or 57% on June 1995.

Short-term departures of residents to Singapore rose by 730 persons or 54% from the previous month. However, the June 1996 total was lower by 300 persons or 13% compared to June 1995.

All other countries recorded modest rises from May to June 1996.

Departures to the United Kingdom and Ireland in June 1996 increased by 1,320 persons or 30% compared to June 1995.

2.4 SHORT TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS

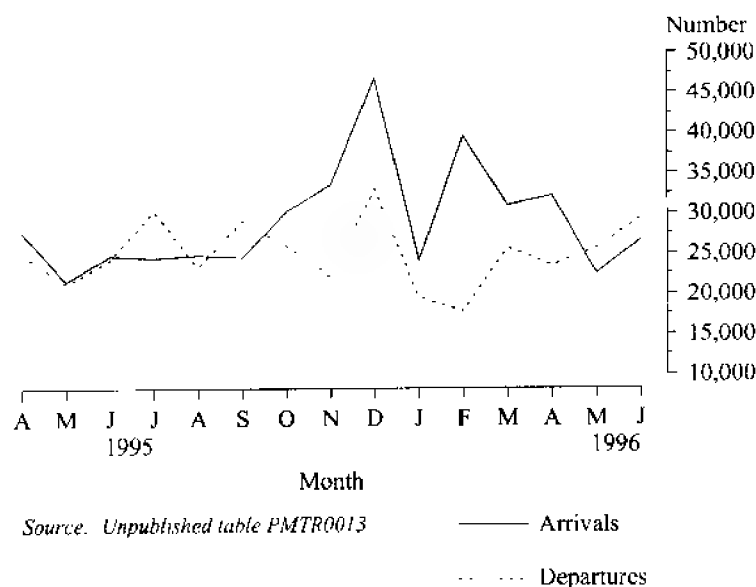
Country of destination	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia ¹	Malaysia	Singapore	Total ²
Period						
Financial years						
1993-94	22 020	38 580	64 720	23 420	24 170	274 770
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
Months						
Apr 95	1 720	4 460	5 140	1 860	1 660	25 070
May 95	1 440	4 280	3 810	1 830	1 100	21 260
Jun 95	1 220	4 450	4 860	1 380	2 390	24 320
Jul 95	1 940	5 070	8 010	2 190	2 500	30 370
Aug 95	1 600	3 650	5 920	1 440	1 940	23 320
Sep 95	2 480	4 660	5 880	3 190	3 070	29 110
Oct 95	2 160	2 860	7 330	1 870	2 750	25 990
Nov 95	2 000	2 060	4 100	2 020	3 100	22 200
Dec 95	4 100	3 800	5 650	2 820	3 030	33 040
Jan 96	2 140	1 400	4 630	1 480	2 740	19 640
Feb 96	2 290	1 680	3 720	1 040	1 990	17 840
Mar 96	2 500	4 110	6 230	1 740	3 080	25 730
Apr 96	1 820	3 330	5 360	1 460	1 770	23 540
May 96	960	5 650	4 420	1 520	1 360	25 720
Jun 96	1 100	5 770	7 610	2 030	2 090	29 410

¹ Includes Bali.

² Total includes the countries listed here and all other countries not listed in this table

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

TOTAL SHORT TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Analysis of Table 2.5

Total short-term departures of residents for holidays overseas in June 1996 increased by 4,310 persons or 35% compared to May 1996. The June 1996 total of 16,640 persons also represented a rise of 40% on June 1995.

The largest rise in departures was to Indonesia which rose by 3,020 persons or 91% from May 1996.

Short-term departures to the South East Asian countries of Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand increased by 93%, 76% and 73% respectively compared to May 1996. Holidaymakers to the United States grew by 35%.

Departures to New Zealand and the United Kingdom and Ireland fell by 14% and 9% in June 1996 compared to the previous month.

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SHORT TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED COUNTRIES: PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

Period	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total ¹
Financial years								
1993-94	9 420	15 080	53 670	12 480	12 160	11 690	9 100	150 490
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
Months								
Apr 95	550	2 080	3 580	910	800	1 440	960	12 370
May 95	570	2 160	2 900	880	500	590	730	10 940
Jun 95	410	1 920	3 480	540	970	700	1 150	11 900
Jul 95	810	2 310	6 760	1 110	1 180	1 800	980	17 540
Aug 95	410	1 670	4 470	410	1 240	1 330	600	12 480
Sep 95	1 500	2 340	4 770	1 880	1 730	2 000	1 420	17 560
Oct 95	960	840	6 390	1 140	1 530	1 000	880	14 520
Nov 95	690	580	3 120	900	2 110	550	340	10 550
Dec 95	1 480	1 320	4 170	1 480	1 320	800	1 260	16 060
Jan 96	890	750	3 250	520	1 140	530	820	9 660
Feb 96	820	380	2 340	440	810	580	370	7 800
Mar 96	1 070	1 580	4 520	580	1 910	820	760	13 000
Apr 96	840	1 540	3 620	610	950	1 400	640	11 980
May 96	350	2 690	3 310	460	630	710	690	12 330
Jun 96	300	2 440	6 330	890	1 110	1 230	930	16 640

¹ Total includes the countries listed here and all other countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 and PMTRO031.

2.6 TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Period	Hotels, Motels, Guest Houses with facilities			Caravan parks		
	Guest rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site occupancy rates	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial years						
1991-92	14 624 ¹	52	1 934.7	28 174 ¹	32	1 260
1992-93	14 577 ¹	53	1 965.2	28 308 ¹	38	1 194
1993-94	14 754 ¹	57	2 153.8	29 202 ¹	39	1 250
Months						
Jan 95		58	192		45	135
Feb 95		60	156		38	70
Mar 95	14 742	60	178	29 480	37	80
Apr 95		59	182		41	116
May 95		57	173		36	79
Jun 95	14 754	57	166	29 554	40	100
Jul 95		55	178		45	140
Aug 95		61	193		44	138
Sep 95	14 720	68	218	29 828	43	135
Oct 95		63	240		39	112
Nov 95		59	194		35	72
Dec 95	14 924	51	197	30 063	38	105
Jan 96		52	203		45	131
Feb 96		57	179		37	73
Mar 96	14 928	58	198	30 085	37	85

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Period	Holiday Flats, Units, Houses			Visitor Hostels		
	Guest Units	Unit occupancy rates	Unit lettings	Bed Spaces	Bed occupancy rates	Bed-nights sold
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial years						
1991-92	1 895 ¹	53	91	2 683 ¹	34	323
1992-93	1 993 ¹	52	86	3 112 ¹	36	386
1993-94	2 224 ¹	55	96	3 119 ¹	38	416
Months						
Jan 95		73	10		46	39
Feb 95		58	8		45	35
Mar 95	2 414	56	10	2 794	43	37
Apr 95		63	10		48	40
May 95		45	8		41	36
Jun 95	2 419	45	8	2 834	41	35
Jul 95		56	11		43	37
Aug 95		48	9		38	34
Sep 95	2 439	58	12	2 831	41	35
Oct 95		66	13		44	41
Nov 95		55	11		42	38
Dec 95	2 581	61	12	3 033	43	40
Jan 96		73	12		47	46
Feb 96		58	11		44	40
Mar 96	2 414	59	13	2 794	45	44

¹ Number at 30 June.

Reference: Tourist Accommodation, Western Australia (8635.5)

Analysis of Table 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 7.7 per cent in August 1996. The trend estimate of the unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 7.8 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed increased by 1,900 to 71,400, while the number of persons employed increased by 6,700 to 851,100.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for August 1996 increased by 0.5 percentage points to 67.0 per cent and continues to be the highest of all the states.

Trend estimates for February 1996 to July 1996 have been revised.

3.1 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Oct 95	429.5	478.5	36.8	7.1	76.7
Nov 95	429.6	479.6	37.4	7.2	76.8
Dec 95	425.2	477.2	38.2	7.4	76.4
Jan 96	424.9	476.0	40.9	7.9	76.5
Feb 96	428.5	475.8	42.4	8.2	76.5
Mar 96	426.9	477.9	42.6	8.2	76.7
Apr 96	424.9	477.1	39.3	7.6	76.0
May 96	426.4	478.8	40.9	7.9	76.3
Jun 96	425.4	476.2	43.7	8.4	76.2
Jul 96	432.9	482.5	39.9	7.6	76.4
Aug 96	425.5	481.2	43.1	8.2	76.6
Females					
Oct 95	187.8	351.5	29.1	7.6	56.1
Nov 95	189.4	352.7	31.3	8.1	56.5
Dec 95	185.2	349.9	29.6	7.8	55.8
Jan 96	185.2	346.2	29.7	7.9	55.1
Feb 96	194.3	359.1	29.6	7.6	56.9
Mar 96	194.9	355.1	27.1	7.1	55.8
Apr 96	197.0	346.2	24.2	6.5	54.0
May 96	192.2	356.7	27.8	7.2	56.0
Jun 96	194.6	354.4	30.4	7.9	55.9
Jul 96	196.3	361.9	29.5	7.5	56.7
Aug 96	203.3	369.8	28.3	7.1	57.6
Persons					
Oct 95	617.4	830.0	65.9	7.4	66.3
Nov 95	618.9	832.3	68.6	7.6	66.6
Dec 95	610.5	827.1	67.8	7.6	66.0
Jan 96	610.1	822.2	70.6	7.9	65.7
Feb 96	622.8	834.9	71.9	7.9	66.7
Mar 96	621.8	833.1	69.7	7.7	66.2
Apr 96	621.9	823.3	63.4	7.2	64.9
May 96	618.5	835.4	68.7	7.6	66.1
Jun 96	620.0	830.6	74.2	8.2	66.0
Jul 96	629.3	844.4	69.5	7.6	66.5
Aug 96	628.8	851.1	71.4	7.7	67.0

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

Analysis of Table 3.2

3.2 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): TREND SERIES

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Lesley Martin on (09) 360 5320.

Month	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Oct 95	428.9	478.0	36.7	7.1	76.6
Nov 95	428.2	477.8	38.0	7.4	76.6
Dec 95	427.4	477.5	39.2	7.6	76.6
Jan 96	426.7	477.1	40.2	7.8	76.5
Feb 96r	426.2	476.8	41.0	7.9	76.5
Mar 96r	426.1	476.8	41.4	8.0	76.4
Apr 96r	426.5	477.4	41.5	8.0	76.3
May 96r	426.9	478.2	41.5	8.0	76.3
Jun 96r	427.3	479.1	41.6	8.0	76.3
Jul 96r	427.7	480.0	41.8	8.0	76.4
Aug 96	427.9	480.8	41.9	8.0	76.3
Females					
Oct 95	188.2	351.4	30.2	7.9	56.3
Nov 95	188.0	351.2	30.1	7.9	56.1
Dec 95	188.4	351.3	29.8	7.8	56.0
Jan 96	189.5	351.5	29.1	7.6	55.8
Feb 96r	191.0	351.7	28.3	7.5	55.6
Mar 96r	192.7	352.2	27.7	7.3	55.5
Apr 96r	194.2	353.4	27.5	7.2	55.5
May 96r	195.4	355.4	27.8	7.3	55.8
Jun 96r	196.5	357.9	28.2	7.3	56.1
Jul 96r	197.7	360.8	28.7	7.4	56.5
Aug 96	198.6	363.2	29.1	7.4	56.7
Persons					
Oct 95	617.1	829.4	66.9	7.5	66.4
Nov 95	616.2	829.0	68.1	7.6	66.3
Dec 95	615.8	828.8	68.9	7.7	66.2
Jan 96	616.1	828.6	69.3	7.7	66.1
Feb 96r	617.2	828.5	69.3	7.7	66.0
Mar 96r	618.8	829.1	69.1	7.7	65.9
Apr 96r	620.6	830.8	69.0	7.7	65.9
May 96r	622.3	833.6	69.3	7.7	66.0
Jun 96r	623.8	837.0	69.8	7.7	66.2
Jul 96r	625.4	840.8	70.4	7.7	66.4
Aug 96	626.5	844.1	71.0	7.8	66.5

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

Analysis of Table 3.3

The total number of employees rose from 550,500 in March 1994 to 558,800 in March 1995. During this twelve month period, the public sector total number of employees rose by 3,600 to 157,600, and the private sector total number of employees showed an increase of 4,800 to 401,300.

3.3 NUMBER OF EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY INDUSTRY AND SECTOR

Particulars	Number of Employees				Gross earnings
	Mar 1994	Sept 1994	Dec 1994	Mar 1995	Mar quarter 1995
	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
INDUSTRY					
Mining	20.6	20.7	21.5	23.8	323.5
Manufacturing	58.5	59.7	57.0	56.7	449.9
Electricity, gas and water	8.7	8.4	8.2	8.0	69.1
Construction	28.3	26.0	26.3	28.0	246.6
Wholesale trade	39.9	38.9	38.1	40.0	301.0
Retail trade	78.8	81.8	82.5	80.9	334.9
Transport and storage	22.3	22.2	21.8	21.7	204.5
Communication	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.8	79.4
Finance, property and business	60.8	63.4	66.3	64.2	493.9
Public administration and defence	29.5	29.9	31.7	30.1	226.5
Community services	144.9	149.1	151.1	152.3	970.9
Recreation, personal and other services	48.4	42.3	44.1	42.8	193.9
Total all industries¹	550.5	552.2	558.8	558.8	3 906.2
SECTOR					
Private	396.5	398.9	398.8	401.3	2 692.4
Government					
Commonwealth	22.0	21.5	22.1	22.3	198.6
State	118.7	118.5	125.3	122.7	937.0
Local	13.3	13.3	12.7	12.6	78.3
Total Government	154.0	153.2	160.1	157.6	1 213.8
Total all sectors	550.5	552.2	558.8	558.8	3 906.2

Particulars	FEBRUARY 1994			FEBRUARY 1995		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
INDUSTRY						
Mining	18.4	2.9	21.3	20.6	3.4	24.0
Manufacturing	46.2	13.7	59.9	44.0	13.2	57.2
Electricity, gas and water	7.8	0.9	8.8	7.0	1.0	8.0
Construction	22.9	5.6	28.5	23.1	4.1	27.2
Wholesale trade	28.1	11.7	39.8	27.5	12.9	40.4
Retail trade	33.0	44.1	77.1	33.4	46.5	80.0
Transport and storage	17.9	4.4	22.3	16.1	5.6	21.7
Communication	5.8	2.4	8.3	6.0	2.7	8.8
Finance, property and business	28.6	32.7	61.2	29.4	34.3	63.7
Public administration and defence	17.9	11.6	29.5	17.7	12.4	30.1
Community services	49.3	92.6	141.9	43.8	101.2	145.0
Recreation, personal and other services	19.7	26.6	46.3	18.1	24.9	43.0
Total all industries¹	296.9	249.7	546.5	287.9	262.6	550.5
SECTOR						
Private	218.2	175.5	393.8	211.8	187.8	399.6
Government						
Commonwealth	13.8	9.0	22.8	13.1	9.1	22.2
State	56.4	60.2	116.6	55.3	61.0	116.2
Local	8.4	4.8	13.3	7.8	4.7	12.5
Total Government	78.6	74.1	152.7	76.1	74.8	150.9
Total all sectors	296.9	249.7	546.5	287.9	262.6	550.5

¹ Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

Reference: Employed Wage and Salary Earners (6248.0)

Analysis of Table 3.4

Over the past twelve months to May 1996, Western Australian average weekly total earnings for full-time adult persons increased by 5.0% compared with 4.0% for Australia.

Western Australian average weekly total earnings for full-time adult persons in May 1996 were \$726.80, while the comparable Australian average earnings in May 1996 were \$715.20.

3.4 AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Reference period	MALES		
	Full Time Adults		
	Ordinary	Total	All males
	time earnings	earnings	Total earnings
(dollars)			
17 Feb 95	695.50	758.60	655.20
19 May 95	701.80	764.20	656.60
18 Aug 95	716.80	776.20	677.00
17 Nov 95	730.00	792.20	682.70
16 Feb 96	749.70	806.70	691.80
17 May 96	745.90	805.40	687.30

Reference period	FEMALES		
	Full Time Adults		
	Ordinary	Total	All females
	time earnings	earnings	Total earnings
(dollars)			
17 Feb 95	536.90	553.60	405.20
19 May 95	541.80	557.40	403.90
18 Aug 95	555.90	568.70	401.30
17 Nov 95	560.80	574.40	406.50
16 Feb 96	575.10	586.70	414.90
17 May 96	577.30	588.80	410.60

Reference period	PERSONS		
	Full Time Adults		
	Ordinary	Total	All employees
	time earnings	earnings	Total earnings
(dollars)			
17 Feb 95	637.50	683.60	537.10
19 May 95	645.80	691.90	539.90
18 Aug 95	660.00	702.90	544.40
17 Nov 95	668.50	713.10	548.40
16 Feb 96	687.60	728.40	560.80
17 May 96	684.80	726.80	552.50

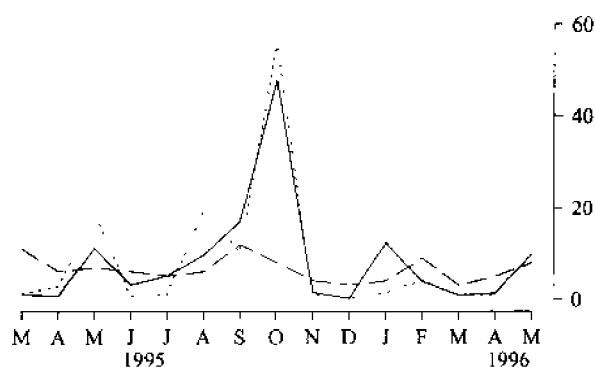
Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, (6302.0)

3.5 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Period	Number of disputes	Workers Involved		Total	Working days lost
		Directly	Indirectly		
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar year					
1993	111	27.4	0.2	27.6	29.5
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
Months					
Mar 95	11	1.4	—	1.4	1.0
Apr 95	6	2.8	—	2.8	0.8
May 95	7	18.8	—	18.8	11.2
Jun 95	6	0.8	—	0.8	3.1
Jul 95	5	1.1	—	1.1	5.1
Aug 95	6	19.8	—	19.8	9.7
Sep 95	12	10.4	—	10.4	17.0
Oct 95	8	55.5	—	55.5	47.6
Nov 95	4	1.2	—	1.2	1.6
Dec 95	3	0.4	—	0.4	0.2
Jan 96	4	1.5	—	1.5	12.4
Feb 96	9	4.0	—	4.0	3.9
Mar 96	3	0.9	—	0.9	1.0
Apr 96	5	1.1	—	1.1	1.4
May 96	8	10.0	—	10.0	9.9

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished ABS Data.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES



Source: Unpublished ABS data

— Working Days Lost ('000)
 -- Workers involved Directly ('000)
 . . . Number of Disputes

Analysis of Table 4.1

4.1 MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER : ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

Data in this table have been revised and now show data from the redesigned retail Business Survey. See information Paper (8511.0) issued on 1 December 1994 or Retail Trade Australia (8501.0) for more detail on the survey redesign.

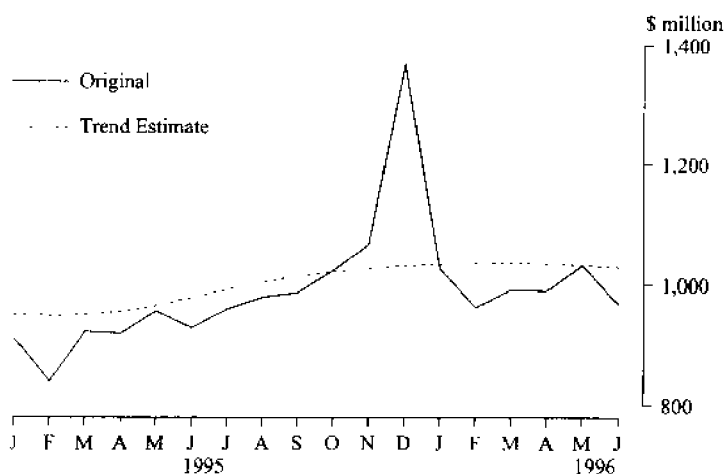
Estimated turnover of Western Australian retail establishments during June 1996 was \$968 million (at current prices), a decrease of 6.3% over the previous month. The trend estimates show a decrease of 0.4% over the previous month.

From May 1995 to May 1996, trend estimates indicate a national annual growth rate of 4.8%. The annual growth rate for Western Australia for the same period was 5.1%.

Months	Food	Department	Clothing and soft goods	Other Household	Recreational
Jun 95	403.5	91.5	63.6	111.3	43.6
Jul 95	414.4	85.9	60.9	106.3	53.0
Aug 95	431.2	89.0	59.1	105.2	53.1
Sep 95	430.0	84.7	61.1	109.4	52.5
Oct 95	436.2	93.2	64.3	122.3	54.2
Nov 95	452.7	107.4	66.5	129.8	58.9
Dec 95	509.3	182.2	86.3	163.4	88.6
Jan 96	451.4	83.3	59.3	111.5	55.5
Feb 96	433.9	74.8	49.5	109.8	50.3
Mar 96	445.0	82.5	55.4	101.0	53.0
Apr 96	423.7	91.6	62.5	102.1	55.9
May 96	436.6	99.9	69.6	108.3	57.5
Jun 96	400.6	90.3	67.5	108.0	50.5

Months	Other	Hospitality and services	Totals		
			Original	Seasonally	Trend
Jun 95	65.3	149.4	928.2	974.2	978.5
Jul 95	70.6	167.9	959.0	984.8	992.0
Aug 95	77.4	163.6	978.6	1026.8	1005.0 r
Sep 95	79.9	169.9	987.5	1006.7	1014.9 r
Oct 95	79.3	174.7	1024.2	1034.0	1022.4
Nov 95	80.7	170.4	1066.4	1015.6	1027.9 r
Dec 95	123.0	191.2	1367.4	1041.8	1032.1 r
Jan 96	84.8	173.7	1027.0	1051.2	1035.0 r
Feb 96	79.6	164.2	962.1	1041.4	1036.7 r
Mar 96	80.5	175.3	992.7	1040.3	1036.6 r
Apr 96	89.6	164.6	990.0	1030.3	1035.0 r
May 96	98.4	162.3	1032.6	1034.8	1032.8 r
Jun 96	92.6	158.5	968.0	1021.5	1029.1

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

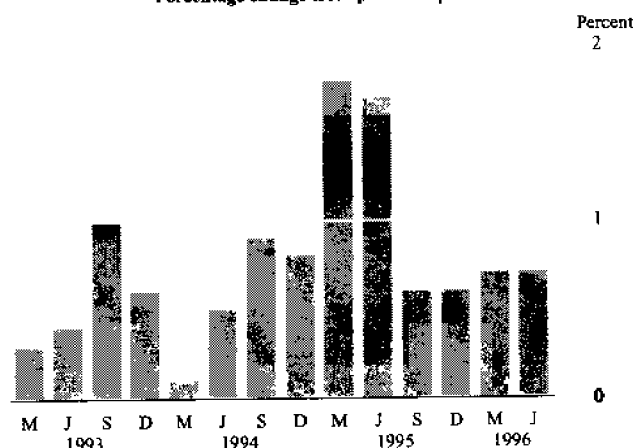
4.2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: PERTH

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)					
1993-94	110.0	108.2	87.3	108.2	114.4
1994-95	113.4	107.4	94.0	109.0	119.0
1995-96	116.8	107.0	100.9	111.2	123.4
1994					
Dec qtr	111.4	107.4	91.8	109.0	117.2
1995					
Mar qtr	115.1	106.9	96.9		
Jun qtr	115.7	107.5	99.0	110.0	121.4
Sep qtr	116.6	106.9	100.0	110.5	123.4
Dec qtr	115.8	107.3	100.8	110.9	123.1
1996					
Mar qtr	116.9	106.8	101.2	111.1	123.2
Jun qtr	117.8	107.0	101.6	112.3	123.9

Period	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)				
1993-94	128.8	123.8	107.6	108.5
1994-95	136.8	130.4	109.6	112.3
1995-96	145.9	138.6	114.1	116.7
1994				
Sep qtr	133.6	127.6	107.7	110.1
Dec qtr	135.9	128.4	109.4	111.0
1995				
Mar qtr	137.7	130.1	109.0	113.0
Jun qtr	140.2	135.7	112.3	114.9
Sep qtr	140.6	135.7	112.1	115.6
Dec qtr	145.6	137.2	113.8	116.3
1996				
Mar qtr	147.5	140.4	115.5	117.1
Jun qtr	150.0	141.1	114.8	117.9

Reference: Consumer Price Index (6401.0)

CPI ALL GROUPS: PERTH
Percentage change from previous quarter



Analysis of Table 5.1

The number of houses approved in June 1996 decreased by 18.3% when compared with May 1996 and decreased by 25.7% when compared with June 1995. The number of total dwelling units approved in June 1996 decreased by 15.8% when compared with May 1996 and decreased by 15.5% when compared with June 1995.

The Building Approvals trend series for houses recorded a low of 1,001 in October 1995 and has since risen to a level of 1,112 in April 1996.

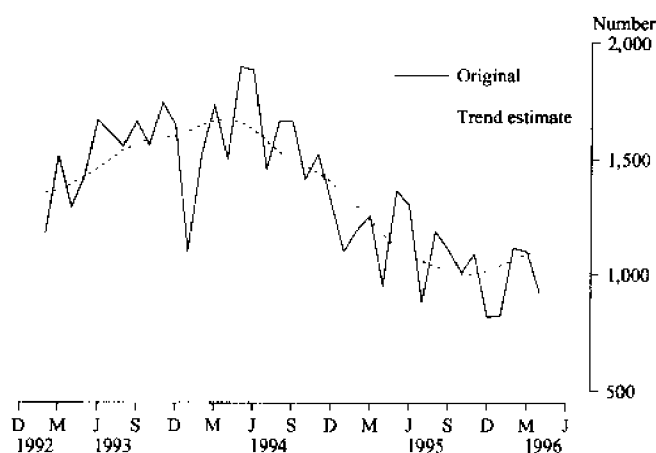
For more information about this table, call Pam Prince on (09) 360 5207

5.1 NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

Period	Houses		Other Residential Buildings		Total ¹	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	Number	\$m	Number	\$m	Number	\$m
Financial years						
1993-94	19 437	1 503.7	7 144	461.0	26 776	1 964.7
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7
Months						
Apr 95	952	81.7	222	16.1	1 180	97.9
May 95	1 367	115.2	426	35.7	1 794	151.0
Jun 95	1 301	109.0	491	35.3	1 795	144.3
Jul 95	883	77.8	316	23.1	1 203	100.9
Aug 95	1 189	104.8	399	30.6	1 596	135.4
Sep 95	1 111	99.2	293	22.9	1 410	122.1
Oct 95	1 008	96.6	253	20.4	1 265	117.0
Nov 95	1 087	99.1	286	22.7	1 378	121.8
Dec 95	819	79.5	168 r	12.7 r	995	92.2 r
Jan 96	827	82.5	410	33.2	1 241	115.7
Feb 96	1 115	105.1	342	25.5	1 482	130.6
Mar 96	1 101	104.5	362	33.7	1 501	138.2
Apr 96	922	90.9	244	17.3	1 169	108.1
May 96	1 183	114.3	227	15.0	1 420	129.2
Jun 96	966	94.0	227	15.3	1 195	109.3

¹ Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NEW HOUSES APPROVED
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

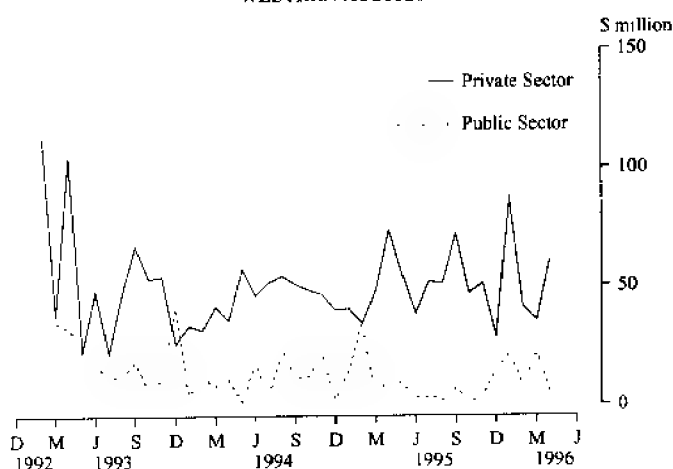
Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.2 NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

Period	Private	Public	Total
(\$ million)			
Financial years			
1993-94	513.1	153.9	667.0
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
1995-96	692.0	111.1	803.1
Months			
Apr 95	73.6	12.2	85.8
May 95	54.7	8.6	63.3
Jun 95	38.5	3.1	41.6
Jul 95	51.9	3.2	55.1
Aug 95	51.0	2.2	53.2
Sep 95	72.2	6.8	79.0
Oct 95	47.1	1.4	48.5
Nov 95	51.2	3.4	54.7
Dec 95	28.7	14.2	42.9
Jan 96	86.9	21.3	108.2
Feb 96	41.3	7.3	48.6
Mar 96	35.5	21.4	56.9
Apr 96	60.8	5.7	66.5
May 96	103.4	14.0	117.4
June 96	62.1	10.0	72.1

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

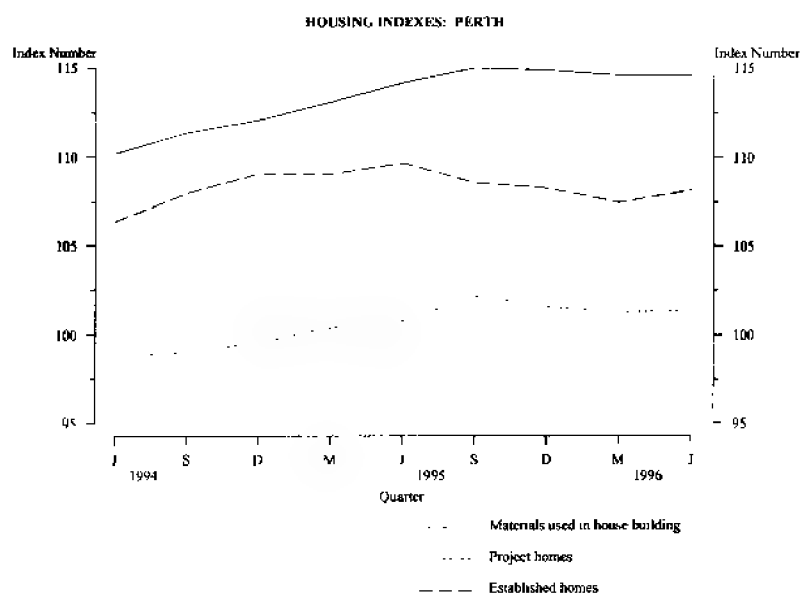


Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.3 SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

Period	Materials used in house building	Project homes	Established homes
(Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0)			
1992-93	106.9	92.8	98.4
1993-94	109.1	96.2	104.7
1994-95	112.7	100.0	109.0
1995			
Mar qtr	113.1	100.4	109.1
Jun qtr	114.2	100.8	109.7
Sep qtr	115.0	102.2	108.6
Dec qtr	114.9	101.6	108.3
1996			
Mar qtr	114.6	101.3	107.5
Jun qtr	114.6	101.4	108.2

References: Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (6408.0); House Price Indexes, (6416.0)



5.4 PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: PERTH

Period	All groups	Special Series		
		Electrical materials	Mechanical services	Plumbing materials
(Base of each index 1989-90 = 100)				
1992-93	105.7	105.7	103.7	103.7
1993-94	107.1	101.9	104.2	105.1
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995				
June	112.0	112.0	109.3	118.7
July	112.7	112.6	109.9	120.4
August	112.9	113.1	109.8	121.0
September	112.6	113.2	109.8	119.9
October	113.1	112.9	111.5	120.7
November	113.1	112.6	112.1	120.0
December	113.2	112.6	112.3	119.8
1996				
January	113.3	112.5	112.4	120.0
February	113.4	112.5	112.9	120.0
March	113.4	112.8	113.4	119.7
April p	113.5	113.5	114.4	118.9
May p	113.6	114.0	114.5	120.3
June p	113.5	113.9	114.6	120.4
July p	113.9	112.6	114.3	117.3

Period	Selected Major Building Materials				
	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Structural steel	Aluminium windows
(Base of each index 1989-90 = 100)					
1992-93	102.7	111.3	115.5	96.3	103.8
1993-94	110.6	113.9	116.6	100.4	104.4
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.4
1995					
June	109.9	120.2	116.0	103.8	118.2
July	109.9	120.2	116.0	105.7	118.2
August	109.7	120.2	117.8	106.0	118.2
September	109.7	120.2	115.0	105.9	118.2
October	109.6	120.2	115.0	106.9	118.2
November	109.8	120.2	114.6	107.3	118.2
December	109.6	120.2	114.4	107.7	118.2
1996					
January	109.2	120.2	114.4	108.2	118.2
February	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
March	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
April p	108.6	120.2	114.7	108.2	118.2
May p	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	118.2
June p	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	118.2
July p	108.6	123.4	119.8	108.8	116.4

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building (6407.0)

6.1 LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Period	Cattle		Total	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers					
'000							
Financial years							
1993-94	271	168	439	4	2 952	1 553	550
1994-95	244	186	430	4	2 438	1 264	604
1995-96p	233	192	425	3	2 267	1 301	571
Months							
Jun 95	18	10	29	—	146	62	58
Jul 95	17	12	29	—	145	54	53
Aug 95	19	15	34	—	191	92	52
Sep 95	17	18	35	—	162	150	51
Oct 95	21	17	38	—	195	153	49
Nov 95	28	16	44	—	233 r	127	47
Dec 95	23	17	40	-	196	79	42
Jan 96	19	19	38	-	199 r	75	40
Feb 96	20	23	43	-	196	89	47
Mar 96	19 r	18	36	-	194	110	49
Apr 96	17	13 r	30 r	-	183 r	114	47
May 96	17	14	31 r	-	199	139	51
June 96	16	12	28	-	174	118	45
Jul 96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2 MEAT PRODUCED

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
tonnes					
Financial years					
1993-94	101 513	296	61 731	24 936	32 423
1994-95	97 140	287	47 776	18 955	37 109
1995-96p	96 925	186	44 683	22 130	35 437
Months					
Jun 95	6 182	14	2 794	867	3 839
Jul 95	6 151	17	2 779	963	3 323
Aug 95	7 515	19	3 822	1 609	3 227
Sep 95	7 872	16	3 094	2 494	3 144
Oct 95	9 292	16	3 875	2 438	3 013
Nov 95	10 283	17	4 518 r	2 069 r	2 888
Dec 95	9 066	17	3 926	1 200	2 524
Jan 96	8 359	16	3 995 r	1 323	2 497
Feb 96	9 719	14	3 851	1 581	2 909
Mar 96	8 297 r	11	3 839	1 954	3 009
Apr 96	6 984 r	11	3 600 r	2 017 r	2 907
May 96	7 031 r	14	3 969	2 395	3 233
Jun 96	6 357	18	3 413	2 087	2 762
Jul 96	n.y.a.	n.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Peter Hodgson on (09) 360 5180

6.3 WOOL RECEIVALS¹ and LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

Period	Receipts of taxable wool by brokers and dealers		Export of live sheep		
			Number	Gross Value	Gross Weight
	bales	tonnes	'000	\$'000	'000t
Financial years					
1992-93	1 115 307	198 756	3 681.0 r	89 079	192.5
1993-94	1 196 990	212 670	4 524.0 r	127 564 r	238.0
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 864.8 r	127 517 r	193.1
Months					
May 95	39 129	6 883	282.1	10 428	n.a.
Jun 95	30 142	5 333	179.3	6 855	8.5
Jul 95	53 827	9 632	515.6	21 397	25.8
Aug 95	125 248	22 416	418.9	17 363	19.7
Sep 95	110 924	19 676	415.7	16 628	19.9
Oct 95	118 670	21 125	342.0	13 360	16.6
Nov 95	87 099	15 520	311.9 r	11 018	15.8
Dec 95	38 393	6 788 r	341.6	13 677	16.5
Jan 96	62 665 r	11 173 r	387.8 r	15 628	20.0
Feb 96	93 367	16 748 r	359.6 r	14 112	18.5
Mar 96	92 096 r	16 422 r	517.4 r	19 807	26.4
Apr 96	71 694 r	12 719	306.4	11 150	15.8
May 96	52 751 r	9 326 r	523.2	17 453	26.2
Jun 96	24 305	4 283 r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

¹ Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Pam Prince on (09) 360 5207

6.4 ENERGY PRODUCTION

Period	Coal ¹	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution ²	Crude oil ^{3 4}	Natural gas ⁴
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial years					
1993-94	5 151	15 755	172 432	7 639	13 659
1994-95	n.y.a.	16 756	186 658	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1995-96	n.y.a.	17 422	181 710	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Months					
Jun 95	547	1 389	14 865	3 210	3 682
Jul 95	391	1 447	15 564		
Aug 95	368	1 455	15 474		
Sep 95	567	1 370	14 543	3 421	4 396
Oct 95	496	1 399	15 441		
Nov 95	455	1 394	14 709		
Dec 95	613	1 477	14 416	2 740	4 253
Jan 96	505	1 537	15 635		
Feb 96	445	1 532	15 707		
Mar 96	588	1 514	16 638	3 708	4 136
Apr 96	413	1 366	15 305		
May 96	487	1 475	16 609		
Jun 96	569	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

¹ Source: Department of Minerals and Energy.

² Available for issue through mains.

³ Includes condensate.

⁴ Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

6.5 MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Pam Prince on (09) 360 5207.

Period	Metallic Minerals			Non-Metallic Minerals		Total minerals
	Base metals ¹	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	
	(\$ million)					
Financial years						
1992-93	60.0	221.2	35.0	29.0	2.9	348.1
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
Quarters						
Dec 94	14.5	97.4	4.9	9.4	0.3	126.4
Mar 95	17.2	79.5	3.4	5.1	0.6	106.3
June 95	14.1	108.2	4.0	5.8	0.6	135.3
Sep 95	16.6	90.4	4.5	9.7	2.4	124.9
Dec 95	17.5	100.0	4.8	7.4	1.1	128.9
Mar 96	21.8	83.9	n.a.	4.9	n.a.	117.8

¹ Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6 MINERAL PRODUCTION

Period	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Ilmenite	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial years						
1992-93	112 259	26 681	179 615	1 706	64	42 199
1993-94	119 690	27 087	193 599	1 612	62	39 909
1994-95	132 742	26 852	187 609	1 631	94	43 591
Quarters						
Dec 94	32 958	6 761	47 789	400	23	12 864 r
Mar 95	32 265	6 657	45 396	388	25	11 292 r
Jun 95	34 738	6 729	47 000 r	433	27	10 111 r
Sep 95	35 063 r	7 451	48 765 r	500	25	9 324 r
Dec 95	32 740 r	7 028	48 675 r	477	23 r	9 105 r
Mar 96	35 871	6 946	53 100	427	26	12 153

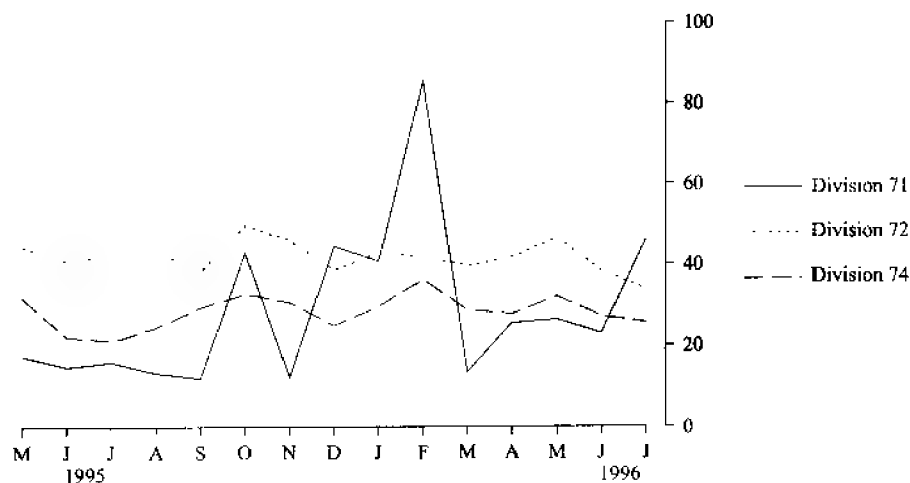
Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

7.1 IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION

Period	33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	71 Power generating equipment and machinery	72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	74 General industrial machinery and equipment	78 Road vehicles
(\$ million)					
Financial years					
1993-94	678.4	189.7	432.2	254.0	690.0
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.7	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
Months					
May 95	78.9	17.5	44.4	31.8	101.5
Jun 95	76.2	14.8	40.8	22.1	73.4
Jul 95	69.1	16.0	42.7	21.1	82.7
Aug 95	76.0	13.3	43.5	24.7	69.8
Sep 95	40.2	12.0	38.5	29.5	59.7
Oct 95	63.1	43.1	49.7	32.8	78.9
Nov 95	51.2	12.3	46.1	30.7	72.9
Dec 95	72.0	44.5	38.7	25.0	60.4
Jan 96	74.7	40.8	43.0	29.8	47.2
Feb 96	72.8	85.5	41.8	36.4	53.8
Mar 96	74.2	13.5	39.6	28.7	60.0
Apr 96	56.4	25.6	41.9	27.8	62.5
May 96	69.9	26.5	46.6	32.2	74.6
Jun 96	47.6	23.0	38.5	27.2	72.1
Jul 96	115.1	46.2	34.0	25.8	70.7

Reference: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



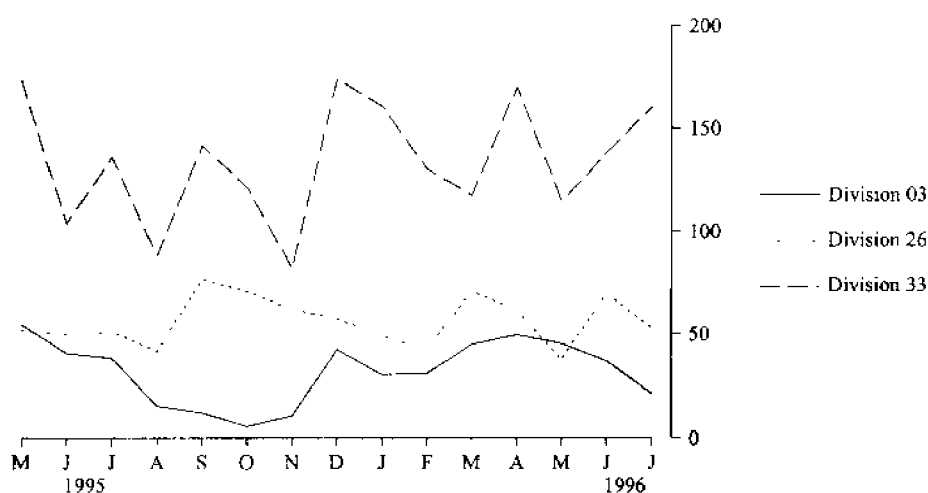
Source: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

7.2 EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

Period	03 <i>Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc</i>	04 <i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	26 <i>Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)</i>	28 <i>Metalliferous ores and metal scrap</i>	33 <i>Petroleum, petroleum products etc.</i>
(\$ million)					
Financial years					
1993-94	413.3	1 150.1	656.1	2 999.4	882.9
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
Months					
May 95	54.7	122.0	52.0	328.4	173.5
Jun 95	40.8	81.7	49.7	328.5	103.6
Jul 95	38.6	82.5	51.0	242.2	135.9
Aug 95	15.3	89.5	41.9	320.9	87.9
Sep 95	12.2	114.7	76.2	263.8	141.6
Oct 95	5.6	123.5	70.7	271.0	121.3
Nov 95	10.5	164.9	61.8	269.8	81.9
Dec 95	42.7	209.6	57.2	274.3	174.0
Jan 96	30.4	213.7	49.2	246.0	160.6
Feb 96	31.1	197.6	42.8	233.6	130.3
Mar 96	45.1	185.3	70.8	275.5	117.5
Apr 96	49.6	177.7	61.5	251.6	170.0
May 96	45.5	161.9	37.5	259.7	114.4
Jun 96	37.2	153.5	69.6	314.8	138.2
Jul 96	21.2	121.5	52.4	299.8	160.4

Reference: Fastracks Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS



Source: Fastracks Trade Statistics

8.1 NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS¹

Period	Western Australia					Perth Statistical Division
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Motor cycles and scooters	Total	
Financial years						
1992-93	45 567	9 581	1 975	2 117	59 240	46 593
1993-94	48 589	10 350	2 136	2 103	63 178	49 074
1994-95	51 947	10 782	2 170	2 344	67 243	52 168
Months						
Jun 95	5 025	1 258	248	159	6 690	4 984
Jul 95	3 704	769	198	156	4 827	3 635
Aug 95	4 395	771	235	192	5 593	4 405
Sep 95	4 021	738	209	187	5 155	4 119
Oct 95	4 111	812	175	201	5 299	4 136
Nov 95	4 595	945	247	365	6 148	4 887
Dec 95	4 308	884	207	209	5 608	4 249
Jan 96	3 178	692	140	174	4 184	3 041
Feb 96	4 516	1 090	158	170	5 934	4 472
Mar 96	4 718	995	174	201	6 088	4 624
Apr 96	4 109	804	145	230	5 288	4 046
May 96	4 889	1 139	204	198	6 430	5 114
Jun 96	4 590	1 199	223	157	6 169	4 662
Jul 96	4 580	895	201	174	5 850	4 590

¹ Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2 VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS¹

Period	Passenger Vehicles		Other Vehicles		Total	
	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate
Months						
Jun 95	5 025	4 340	1 270	1 114	6 531	5 454
Jul 95	3 704	4 284	967	1 108	4 671	5 392
Aug 95	4 395	4 213	1 006	1 090	5 401	5 303
Sep 95	4 021	4 128	947	1 067	4 968	5 195
Oct 95	4 111	4 068	987	1 055	5 098	5 123
Nov 95	4 595	4 063	1 192	1 058	5 787	5 121
Dec 95	4 308	4 120	1 091	1 071	5 399	5 191
Jan 96	3 178	4 212 r	832	1 087	4 010	5 299 r
Feb 96	4 516	4 334 r	1 248	1 101	5 764	5 435 r
Mar 96	4 718	4 466 r	1 169	1 113	5 887	5 579 r
Apr 96	4 109	4 576 r	1 179	1 125	5 288	5 701 r
May 96	4 889	4 644 r	1 343	1 138	6 430	5 782 r
Jun 96	4 590	4 674 r	1 422	1 151	6 012	5 864
Jul 96	4 580	4 701	1 096	1 169	5 676	5 870

¹ Other vehicles excludes motor cycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Cheryl Smith on (09) 360 5242

9.1 PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS (ORIGINAL SERIES)

Period	Selected Industry			Total	Seasonally adjusted
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected industries	Original	
(\$ million)					
Financial Years					
1994-95	4 046	595	2 216	6 857	6 819
1995-96	4 173	978	2 571	7 722	7 729
Quarters					
Mar 95	1 007	133	452	1 592	1 770
Jun 95	1 027	209	487	1 724	1 757
Sep 95	1 041	205	577	1 823	1 877
Dec 95	1 178	176	764	2 119	1 839
Mar 96	894	209	552	1 655	1 848
Jun 96	1 060	387	678	2 125	2 165

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

9.2 STATE FINAL DEMAND AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT TREND DATA AT CURRENT PRICES

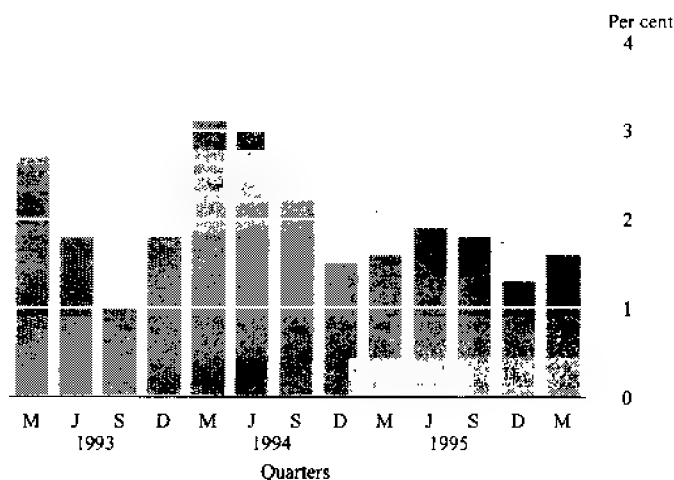
Period	Wages salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus	Indirect taxes less subsidies	GSP (income based)
(\$ million)				
Quarters				
Sep 93	4 866	4 879	1 134	10 879
Dec 93	4 971	4 935	1 183	11 089
Mar 94	5 024	5 033	1 246	11 303
Jun 94	5 052	5 147	1 298	11 497
Sep 94	5 089	5 204	1 328	11 621
Dec 94	5 159	5 213	1 327	11 699
Mar 95	5 264	5 299	1 319	11 882
Jun 95	5 342	5 395	1 330	12 067
Sep 95	5 418	5 470	1 381	12 269
Dec 95	5 520	5 523	1 444	12 487
Mar 96	5 639	5 553	1 497	12 689

Reference: State Accounts (5242.0)

Analysis of Table 9.2

GSP grew by 1.6% in the March quarter, slightly lower than growth in recent quarters. Growth through the year to March quarter 1996 was 6.8%. Growth in wages, salaries and supplements of 2.2% in the March quarter was the highest this quarter for any state. Indirect taxes less subsidies grew by 3.7% in the March quarter, the highest growth rate this quarter for any state. For more information about this table, call Paul Smith (09) 360 5127

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GSP(A) - TREND
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



(A) Gross State Product at current prices
Source: State Accounts 5242.0

10.1 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

				Western Australia			
Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period(%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago (%)
POPULATION							
Estimated resident population	Dec qtr 95 p	'000	18 173.6	1 747.0	0.4	1 714.4	1.9
Natural increase	Dec qtr 95 p	No.	30 744	3 520	3.6	3 477	1.2
Net estimated migration gain	Dec qtr 95 p	No.	28 428	3 363	-32.0	1 850	81.8
TOURISM							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Mar qtr 96	'000	7 762.2	548.3	-7.8	526.1	4.2
Guest rooms available	Mar qtr 96	No.	170 610	14 928	0.0	14 742	1.3
Room occupancy rates	Mar qtr 96	%	59.0	59.5	-4.3	59.2	0.5
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Long-term Arrivals	June 96	No.	4 600	500	31.6	370	35.1
Short-term Arrivals	June 96	No.	306 930	26 720	18.5	24 790	7.8
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Long-term Departures	June 96	No.	4 900	530	-15.9	540	-1.9
Short-term Departures	June 96	No.	261 770	29 410	14.3	24 320	20.9
EMPLOYMENT							
Employed persons (Trend)	Aug 96	'000	8 358.2	844.1	0.8	831.0	1.6
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Original)	Aug 96	'000	771.1	68.8	5.7	60.3	14.1
Looking for work (Trend)	Aug 96	'000	784.4	71.0	1.4	65.4	8.6
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Original	Aug 96	%	63.2	66.5	0.2	65.9	0.9
Trend	Aug 96	%	63.6	66.5	0.6	66.6	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Original	Aug 96	%	8.5	7.5	5.6	6.8	10.3
Trend	Aug 96	%	8.6	7.8	1.3	7.3	6.8
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Males	May 96	\$	774.20	805.40	-0.2	764.20	5.4
Females	May 96	\$	607.90	588.80	0.4	557.40	5.6
Persons	May 96	\$	715.20	726.80	-0.2	691.90	5.0
All employees total earnings	May 96	\$	564.40	552.50	-1.5	539.90	2.3
<i>Average weekly overtime hours</i>							
Per employee	May 96	hours	1.1	1.1	-9.3	1.2	-6.4
Per employee working overtime	May 96	hours	7.3	7.9	-1.6	8.0	-1.9
Employees working overtime	May 96	%	15.6	14.4	-7.8	15.1	-4.7
<i>Industrial disputes in progress (working days lost)</i>							
Total	May 96	'000	164.0	9.9	607.1	11.2	-11.6
Per '000 employees year ended	May 96	days	101.0	166.0	-1.2	50.0	232.0
RETAIL							
<i>Monthly Retail Turnover</i>							
Original	Jun 96	\$m	9 653.0	968.0	-6.2	928.2	4.3
Trend estimate	Jun 96	\$m	10 188.4	1 029.1	-0.9	978.8	5.1
Consumer Price Index	Jun qtr 96	Index No.	119.8	117.9	0.7	114.9	2.6

10.1 STATISTICAL SUMMARY continued

				Western Australia			
Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago (%)
CONSTRUCTION							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	May 96	No.	12 089	1 420	21.5	1 794.0	-20.8
Value of all building	May 96	\$m	2593.0	257.8	37.0	227.2	13.4
<i>Building Commencements</i>							
Dwelling Units	Mar qtr 96	No.	27 964	3 428	-9.8	4 893	-29.9
Value of all building	Mar qtr 96	\$m	6 074.8	586.2	-2.2	617.4	-5.1
<i>Total Building</i>							
Value of work done during	Mar qtr 96	\$m	5 829.9	585.4	-9.9	696.2	-15.9
Value of work yet to be done	Mar qtr 96	\$m	8 793.4	540.4	-0.1	646.8	-16.5
<i>Engineering Construction</i>							
Value of work commenced	Mar qtr 96	\$m	4 529.2	657.2	12.9	711.2	-7.6
Value of work done during	Mar qtr 96	\$m	3 446.2	584.3	20.1	373.4	56.5
Value of work yet to be done	Mar qtr 96	\$m	6 843.8	1 336.1	-0.1	1 151.3	16.1
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Jun qtr 95	Index No.	115.5	114.6	0.0	114.2	0.4
Established houses	Jun qtr 95	Index No.	113.6	108.2	0.7	109.7	-1.4
Project Homes	Jun qtr 95	Index No	109.6	101.4	0.1	100.8	0.6
MINERAL EXPLORATION							
Gold	Mar qtr 96	\$m	123.3	83.9	-7.2	79.5	5.5
Other minerals	Mar qtr 96	\$m	94.9	33.9	-1.7	26.8	26.5
OVERSEAS TRADE							
Imports	July 96	\$m	6 840.7	591.5	35.2	521.2	13.5
Exports	July 96	\$m	6 082.9	1 672.9	0.5	1 458.3	14.7
TRANSPORT							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Jun 96	No.	52 099	4 590	-6.1	5 025	-8.7
Trend	Jun 96	No.	47 622	4 713	-1.2	4 340	8.6
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Jun 96	No.	63 687	6 012	-6.5	6 531	-7.9
Trend	Jun 96	No.	56 938	5 864	-0.4	5 454	7.5
FINANCE							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Jun qtr 96	\$m	11 129	2 125	28.4	1 724	23.3
Seasonally adjusted	Jun qtr 96	\$m	10 682	2 165	17.2	1 757	23.2
<i>Gross State Product (Income based)</i>							
Current prices	Mar qtr 96	\$m	117 876	12 059	-15.3	11 152	8.1
State Final Demand at average 1989-90 prices	Mar qtr 96	\$m	101 527	10 731	-6.2	9 820	9.3

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